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SUBJ: PRIVATE COMPANY PROPOSES TO PROVIDE EXCESS AID EQUIPMENT
TO GCOB

PLEASE PASS: AID WASHDC C AND USDOC WASHDC

1. PERMANENT SECRETARY AT MINAG WAS APPROACHED BY A GROUP CALLED AMERICA'S DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, ADDRESS: 3383 NW 7TH STREET, MIAMI, FLA. THE COMPANY PROPOSES TO FIND EXCESS AID EQUIPMENT FREE OF CHARGE WITH THE GCOB PAYING SHIPPING, HANDLING AND CUSTOM CHARGES PLUS 20 PERCENT OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE PRICE TO THE COMPANY.

2. THE COMPANY MAINTAINS THAT BECAUSE ITS DIRECTOR, SOL BROWN WHOM THEY SAID WAS FORMERLY AID REGIONAL SUPERVISOR FOR LATIN AMERICA, THE COMPANY HAS FREE ACCESS TO ALL EXCESS EQUIPMENT DEPOTS. ALSO WITH THE COMPANY IS MR. PHILIP FARIAS.

3. MINAG WAS TOLD THAT IN ORDER FOR THIS COMPANY TO OBTAIN EXCESS EQUIPMENT THEY ONLY HAVE TO ASSURE AID THAT THEY ARE: DEALING WITH A GOVERNMENT AND NOT A PRIVATE COMPANY; AND THAT THE COUNTRY HAS A LEGITIMATE NEED FOR THE EQUIPMENT AND IS READY TO USE IT IMMEDIATELY AND THAT THEY HAVE APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL TO RUN AND MAINTAIN THE EQUIPMENT.

4. THEY ARE REPORTEDLY OPERATING UNDER SECTION 607-A OF AID REGULATIONS. THEY HAVE ASKED MINAG TO GIVE NO PUBLICITY TO THEIR PROPOSAL AND REQUEST THAT A COMMITTEE BE FORMED WITHIN
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THE GOVERNMENT SO THAT A GOVERNMENT-WIDE SHOPPING LIST OF

EQUIPMENT NEEDS COULD BE DEvised WITH THE COMPANY'S 20 PERCENT
BEING BASED ON THE ENTIRE LIST.

5. AS EMBASSY IS UNAWARE OF PROCEDURES CONCERNING EXCESS
EQUIPMENT WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT AND/OR AID'S COMMENTS
AND ANY INFORMATION YOU MAY HAVE ON THIS COMPANY, THE PEOPLE
INVOLVED AND THE VALIDITY OF THEIR PROPOSAL.
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